



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes

December 7, 2005

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, at the home of Chad Morgan, 121 S. Caldwell Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Cindee Bridges, Greta Connor, Suzette Davis, Judy Kandl, Barbara Lawther, Chad Morgan, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson

Absent: Michael Lippard, Bill Safrit, and Johnny Safrit

Staff: Lynn Raker and Diana Moghrabi

Barbara Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the November 2 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Art in Public Places

- *HAT (History and Art Trail)*. The markers will go to Historic Preservation Commission for approval Thursday, December 8.

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

Minutes of the November 17 meeting were sent to all in attendance. Minutes of the meeting were included in the agenda package. The meeting at One Water Street was well attended by staff of various city departments and the representatives of at least 12 neighborhoods. CAC received glowing reports from several neighborhoods.

There was so much energy that the committee wants to continue with this momentum and have a brainstorming session January 18 at 4 p.m. at One Water Street. Notifications will be sent out January 4 about the meeting. The committee is willing to meet quarterly with neighborhood leaders as long as the energy is still there.

One item that came out of the November 17 meeting is that Chris Bradshaw will receive a phone call from CAC about the unsightly property he owns at the entrance of Jersey City. If he does not take action, a letter will follow.

Mid January CAC must prepare their goals and objectives to present to City Council.

Landscaping

The committee will meet Friday at noon at City Hall in the first floor conference room for lunch. They will tour downtown and nominate winners of the best Christmas decorations. Downtown Salisbury, Inc. has notified storeowners and winners will be published in the Salisbury Post.

The committee wishes to thank Mrs. Morgan for bows at the square that were placed on the trees in the planters. Mark Martin with the City Landscape Division decided that the bridge decorations recommended by the committee were not appropriate. The committee feels strongly about not putting up anything tacky on the Innes Street Bridge.

Barbara Perry disagrees with Mark Martin about the Innes Street trees being too large to light up. She would like to see this happen and so would Janie Allen. The CAC includes a decorator and two architects. They were asked to make a recommendation early for next year and to check with other locations for examples. Judy Kandl said she would look into examples of lit trees.

There was not enough time to do awards for neighborhood decorations.

Municipal Service District (MSD) and Innes Street Improvement Grants (ISG)

CAC/ Tree Board Awards – The judging will take place January 10. Four people (Heidi Galanti, Wendy Miller, Chris Ogunrinde, and Tammy Kepley) have confirmed with Lynn Raker that they will be jurors. February 23, 2006, the Awards Luncheon will be held at the Heritage Room on Council Street.

The next awards luncheon in 2008 may consider the “old” Hood space, Hilliard Room/Community Center.

The next meeting of the committee will be Tuesday, December 13 at noon. Please bring a nomination.

GOALS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Lynn would like to see benches and trashcans included with the Art and History Trail. This would require asking for another \$20,000. Salisbury City Council wishes to see the city as an art destination.

The CAC would like to see a nice sidewalk in front of the Depot Street Mosaic. Steve Weatherford will need to be contacted for discussion. Lynn Raker added that she would like to see down lighting from the wall as it was previously discussed.

In January there will be three or four months left to raise money to finishing paying for the Depot Street Mosaic. A downtown loft tour was discussed. Betz from Downtown Salisbury, Inc. should be contacted for her assistance.

Judy Kandl felt this was a good idea and would like to have some evening meetings to plan. It was agreed that an evening meeting would be set at the next regular CAC meeting January 4.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned for refreshment and fellowship.

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